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Minutes.

THE Sixtieth Annual Session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association met with the Philadelphia Baptist Church on September, the 12th, 1899. Introductory sermon preached by the appointee, J. S. Hubbard. Scripture Lesson, part of the 4th chapter of Phil. Text, Ezekiel, 9-4.

THEME:—

1st. The spirit of jealousy.

2nd. The corrupt state of the court of justice.

3rd. The same as it was seen entering the house of God.

At the close of sermon, prayer by A. V. Rowe. Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called together by song. Scripture Lesson read by the Moderator, 4th chapter 1st John. Prayer by Thomas Gorley. The letters from the different churches were called for and read. Albert Collins and James Pritchard, the reading clerks.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

The following list of delegates were enrolled towit:

New Hope—W. H. Seale, W. H. Pitts, W. N. Johnson and James Smith, alternate.

Fredonia—T. R. Black, Chas. Stewart, Neely Huskison and J. M. Parrish, alternate.

Salem—J. H. Morgan, J. P. Rogers, J. A. Raffield and H. H. Kirk, alternate.

Amaziah—J. L. Byers, J. A. Garrison, S. F. Boatner and N. S. Gullick, alternate.

Macedonia—C. W. Smith, I. M. Gray, E. S. Gray and W. J. Rhea, alternate.

Cypress Creek—J. M. Parks, P. F. Goolsby and H. H. Parks.

New Albany—LeRoy Kenneday, S. R. Knox, J. T. Swain and W. J. Marshall, alternate.

Midway—A. G. Vaughn, W. T. Buse, A. H. Gilbert and G. W. Anderson, alternate.

Liberty—S. J. Fitzgerald, B. J. Caldwell, W. J. Ball and W. D. Caldwell, alternate.

Friendship—W. L. Souter, E. V. Seale, I. P. McCarvar and F. M. Bigham, alternate.

Bethel, L. C.—A. V. Davis, J. T. Singleton and Elbert Beard.

Piney Grove—J. T. Carr, W. H. Tutor, E. M. Forshee and J. P. Anderson, alternate.

Myrtle—A. R. Collins, Rev. E. M. Floyd, A. C. West and J. E. Coltharp, alternate.

Cherry Creek—Rev. N. J. Weaver, V. B. Tucker, J. F. Pitts and T. H. Spencer, alternate.

Bethel, U. C.—W. G. Hearn, Lee Robbins, A. J. Williams and N. F. Robbins, alternate.

Shady Grove—J. B. Swords, J. H. Dowdy, W. P. Browning and James Robbins, alternate.

Pleasant Hill—W. J. Vawters, J. W. Oakes, W. J. Robbins and R. M. Young, alternate.

Pleasant Dale—E. T. Garrett, J. E. Sullivan, A. J. Jordan and J. M. Willard, alternate.

Philadelphia—J. B. Hale, M. D. Wait, H. F. Baker and G. F. Bonds, alternate.

Duncan Creek—J. M. Pritchard, J. M. Ray, John Haney and Tom Hodges, alternate.

Oak Grove—J. W. Hale, A. M. Whittington, W. M. Hargrove and G. W. Davis, alternate.

Turnpike—Joseph Smitherman, Carroll Conlee, W. E. Clay and Tom Conlee, alternate.

Mt. Pleasant—J. C. Bailey, J. F. Coleman, C. S. Cullens and J. B. Gaulding.

Abbeville—J. W. Davis, D. A. Tyre and W. E. Ware.

Shilo—Thomas Gorley, J. A. Corner, J. M. Sparks, J. N. York and W. B. Huckaby, alternate.

Bay Springs—M. I. Quick, J. A. Vaughn, C. N. Wolverton and R. T. Halcomb, alternate.

Spring Creek—J. W. Barden, D. P. Morgan, H. D. Blaylock and J. K. Bonds, alternate.

Valley—J. C. Russell, W. D. Tate, N. J. Treadway and J. W. Tate, alternate.

Temperance Hill—J. W. Boatwright, T. B. Caldwell and M. P. Boatwright, alternate.

Spring Hill—Earnest Long, Ebin Nelson, O. B. Souter and J. H. Collins, alternate.

Mt. Pisgah—L. J. Pickens, R. F. Maxey, J. D. Hale, Wm. Hancock, alternate.

Tocopola—Amos Davis, Dean Gathright and J. T. Short, alternate.

New Prospect—W. C. Spears, A. J. Robbins and Robert Todd, alternate.

Union—R. S. Sanders, J. B. Jones, R. P. Woods and B. F. Harwell, alternate.

Tula—C. C. Hughes, J. W. Powell, W. L. Mullens and J. S. Hubbard, alternate.

The Association was now declared ready for permanent organization, and the delegates were instructed to prepare their ballots, W. E. Berry, of the Tippah Association and R. A. Cooper, of the Aberdeen Association were appointed as tellers, who proceeded to take the vote. While the votes were being counted, had song service led by Prof. J. H. Collins, of Spring Hill. The election resulted in the choice of C. W. Smith, Moderator; B. O. Garner, Treasurer; V. B. Tucker, Clerk.

The Moderator appointed as Devotional Committee, A. V. Davis and B. J. Caldwell, with the delegates and deacons of Philadelphia church.

W. L. Souter, H. D. Blaylock and J. H. Morgan, to get up an order of business for this session.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright, the subject of Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock on to-morrow.

On motion of W. L. Souter, the Association was adjourned till 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises. Dismissed by H. L. Finley.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Called together by song. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. J. Gibson, participated in by Frank Souter and J. B. Searcy.

The Association was called to order by W. L. Souter as the Moderator had been called away to attend a funeral service near his home.

Report of Committee on Order of Business.

The following report was made by the Committee on Order of Business:

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. " " Correspondents.

3. Report on Missions.
4. " on Mississippi College and Education.
5. " of Executive Committee.
6. " on Sunday Schools.
7. " " Prohibition.
8. " " Womans Work.
9. " " State of Religion.
10. " " Documents and Publications.
11. " " Finance and Treasurer's Report.
12. " of Committee on Nominations.
13. " on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage.
14. Appoint Correspondents.
15. Standing Committees.
16. General Business.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SOUTER, }
J. H. MORGAN, } Com.
H. D. BLALOCK, }

On motion of J. W. Boatwright, the report was adopted. The order of business was then taken up.

The Moderator called for correspondents and gave the hand of welcome to W. E. Berry, St. Clair Lawrence, M. C. Selph, P. C. Gadd, Thomas Frazier and J. W. Lokey of the Tippah Association. Frank Souter and R. A. Cooper, of the Aberdeen Association. J. B. Searcy, representing the Baptist, our state paper, and A. V. Rowe, our State Secretary.

A. F. Golding, of the West Judson Association, and H. L. Finley, of Texas, who used to be a member of this Association, reported themselves as visitors.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

The hour having arrived for the report on Missions, the report was called for and the following was read by L. A. Souter, to-wit:

Report of Committe on Missions.

Notwithstanding the great commission it is an undeniable fact that our Baptist people are not doing the work they are well able to do. The great mass of our people are as yet unreached. They are not in sympathy with our mission work. The problem, therefore, as to how the mission spirit is to be aroused and enlisted in the great work of the world's evangelization, will in a great measure have been solved, when the preachers themselves have been reached, aroused and enlisted, and not before. A Baptist church with her pastor is a missionary organization, or nothing.

Your committe would not under-rate any agency that has for its object the "eliciting, combining and directing the energies" of our people, yet we would most earnestly emphasize the pastor himself as the most potent factor. If he is a missionary through and through, the people will be. Such a pastor will be alert, wise to seize and utilize all forces and make them effective for our great purpose of giving the gospel to every creature. Your committee would therefore most earnestly call the attention of the pastors and churches to this great work. Brother, get on fire for missions yourself and then set the church afire. The offerings for the cause of Foreign Missions for this year is $5,839.91.

STATISTICS.

Our Southern Baptists have 92 missionaries, ordained natives, 20; churches, 100; out stations, 140; total membership, 5,350. Of this number of Missionaries, Mississippi has three in China, two in Africa, two in Japan, and three in Mexico. With the exception of the small country of Thibet. Every heathen nation on earth can now be reached by our Missionaries.

HOME MISSION STATISTICS:—Our Home Mission territory is made up of the Southern States, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico, including Cuba. The sum of $84,000 was expended during the last conventional year, of this amount Mississippi being credited with $30,92.00.

Number of Missionaries employed	653
" " Baptisms	6,552
" " Churches constituted	194
" " Houses of worship built	92
" " Sunday Schools organized	512
" " Bibles and Testaments distributed	17,000

The Home Mission Board co-operated with our State Board in helping to support fifteen of our Missionaries and these Missionaries report 127 baptisms, constituted 2 churches, built 3 houses of worship and organized 5 Sunday Schools.

STATE MISSION STATISTICS.

Number of Missionaries for past year	73
" " Days of actual service	5,366
" " Miles traveled	23,600
" " Stations supplied	119
" " Sermons preached	2,900
" " Prayer meetings attended	200
" " Families visited	5,000

" " Converts	831
" " Churches organized	4
" " Sunday Schools organized	14
" " Bibles and New Testaments distributed	200
" " Houses of worship commenced	18
" " " " " finished	5
" " " " " repaired	11
Sold Bibles and books valued at	$500.00
Collected for personal services	$2,000.00
" " State Missions	$605.00
" " Home "	$80.00
" " Foreign "	$280.00
Amount expended on houses of worship	$3,500.00

We sincerely hope that such due consideration will be given the matter by our Mississippi Baptists as will put our state in the front rank for missionary zeal and effort. May we have larger contributions and more consecrated effort until our whole country shall have been won to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. SOUTER,
V. B. TUCKER, } Com.

Discussed by A. V. Rowe. On motion of H. D. Blalock the report was adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported that J. B. Searcy would preach from the stand at 11 o'clock. The hour having arrived, Bro. Searcy took the stand. Scripture lesson, Eph. 1st chapter; text Eph. 1-13,14. At the close of the sermon prayer by A. V. Rowe.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments. Dismissed by R. A. Cooper.

SECOND DAY.—Evening Session.

Called together by song led by J. H. Collins. Prayer by St. Clair Lawrence.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator:

ON FINANCE.—J. W. Boatwright, Chas. Stewart and J. E. Coltharp.

ON NOMINATIONS.—J. B. Gaulding, J. F. Pitts and A. R. Collins.

The Devotional Committee made the following report:

Bro. H. L. Finley to preach tonight at the church.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright the Report on Missions

as read by L. A. Souter, be sent by the Clerk to the Baptist for publication by the consent of Dr. J. B. Searcy.

A. V. Rowe was given time by the Association to talk awhile on Sustentation, at the close of which, a collection for this purpose was taken and turned over to Bro. Rowe. Amount collected, $11.05.

A Masonic emblem was presented to the Association by H. L. Finley which was sent by the wife and daughter of the honored and lamented W. W. Finley to be utilized by the Association as it thinks best. On motion of J. W. Boatwright the emblem was turned over to A. V. Rowe to be disposed of to the best advantage, the proceeds to go to the Sustentation fund. Also a composition supposed to be one of the last written by this honored brother (W. W. Finley) was read by W. P. Winter, at the request of H. L. Finley. This document was also sent by the wife and daughter of this dear brother with the request that they be remembered at the Throne of Divine Grace by this body. After the reading, prayer was offered in their behalf by J. B. Searcy.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright the paper, as read, was ordered to be printed with the minutes and that the Baptist (our State paper) be asked to publish the same in its columns.

Short talks on the life and work of this dear brother (W. W. Finley) were made by St Clair Lawrence and C. W. Smith.

Report of Executive Committee.

The following report of the Executive Committee was read by V. B. Tucker:

Soon after the last Association we met and organized by electing W. R. Spencer, Chairman, and V. B. Tucker, Clerk. No business appearing the Board adjourned. On Friday night before the second Sunday in June we met in connection with the Committee on Association Reunion, which will be reported by that Committee. The interest in Missions is sadly deficient in our Association. How to remedy this puzzles us. We are persuaded that it is caused by an ignorance of the Bible and the way of life as revealed by the Bible. We suggest that the pastors spend more time in teaching the Bible from the pulpit and in our homes, and we urge more Bible study on the part of all our

people. And we further suggest that the fifth Sunday meeting be revived as Bible study meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BAILEY, W. R. SPENCER, B. J. CALDWELL, V. B. TUCKER, JOHN R. HILL, } Com.

Discussed by R. A. Cooper and J. J. Gibson. On motion of W. L. Souter, the report was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by S. R. Knox.

On information and observation, your committee beg leave to submit the following. That a majority of the Sunday Schools in this Association are active and prosperous, but the average attendance is too small. Where we find a large per cent. of the children in the Sunday Schools, we also find less opposition to christianity. The inevitable result of a time honored Sunday School is a noble citizenship. The grand characters of the Bible should be discussed more in the homes and around the firesides, and Sunday Schools will be more enthusiastic. Parents, Teachers and Superintendents need to show by their acts as well as by words their interest in the young people who will reciprocate by taking an interest in the work of their instructors. Lack of interest on the old for the young has more to do with the non-attendance of the Sunday School than does the inclemency of the weather.

From some localities the report comes that social visits are made during Sunday School hours. We think it the duty of the respective pastors to impress on such people the importance of meeting in the Sunday School rooms and enlightening their minds on the wonderful truths of sacred scriptures.

The laity seems to depend too much on the pastor for a knowledge of their duty and the parents depend too much on the Sunday Schools to teach their children. Let the laity study duty, as revealed in the scriptures, and let the parents teach their children more diligently, and all alike will be more interested in the Sunday School. What we need is practical, concerted work. Great results have bene effected by the Chickasaw Association, but there are many children out of the work that must be enlisted and enthused on this duty, we charge to God's children.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. KNOX, W. W. WILBANKS. } Committee.

Discussed by J. H. Morgan.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright, the Association was adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by St. Clair Lawrence. Dismissed by Thomas Gorley.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Devotional exercises lead by Frank Souter, participated in by Thomas Gorley and St. Clair Lawrence. The minutes of second day were read and approved.

On motion the Devotional Committee was instructed not to report any preaching for today, in order that we may get through with the business of the Association and all speeches be limited to ten minutes.

The report on Sunday Schools was again taken up and discussed by J. W. Boatwright, J. H. Morgan, H. L. Finley, J. J. Gibson, St. Clair Lawrence, W. J. Ball, T. R. Black, V. B. Tucker, W. M. Gadd and C. W. Smith and was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

The committee on nominations made the following report to-wit:

We nominate Mt. Pleasant, as the next place for the meeting of this body, located at Wallerville, Union County, Mississippi. We also nominate Bro. J. D. Anderson, to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. C. W. Smith, alternate. Bro. W. L. Souter, a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. V. B. Tucker, alternate. We further recommend the continuance of the same executive committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GAULDING,
J. F. PITTS,
A. R. COLLINS. } Committee.

And on motion the report was adopted.

Report on Prohibition.

The report on Prohibition was called for and the following was read by V. B. Tucker, for the committee to-wit:

"Your committee believes that the cause of our Blessed Savior can be materially promoted by our Laymen making an individual effort for the cause of Temperance, and by our Ministers continually talking to their congregations along this line showing them the bonified effects of intemperance. Brethren I can't find language to express my feelings towards a church member that will drink whisky at all, and to think that any member of any church will

drink too much, it is degrading to himself and to his church and to the cause of the Blessed Redeemer. There have been many efforts made in many ways to bring about a reformation, but there is only one way, and that way is for every church member to resolve in himself to never drink, and then use all the influence that he has on others until all Christians feel personally responsible for the influence that they can exert over others. There never will be anything accomplished any other way. My sincere prayer is, that we may all do all we can in our power to entirely put it out of all our churches."

Respectfully submitted, J. T. SHORT.

Discussed by W. L. Souter, H. L. Finley, J. W. Boatwright, St. Clair Lawrence, J. H. Collins, Frank Souter, E. M. Forshee, R. A. Cooper, N. J. Weaver and W. R. Spencer.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright, the report was adopted.

Report on Mississippi College and Education.

The following report on Mississippi College and Education was read by W. P. Winter:

The session of 1898-1899 was one of the best sessions in the history of the school. During the session 140 regular students were enrolled, which is an increase of 35 over the ottendance of the previous session. When the session opened last fall, however, it was evident the income would not be sufficient to meet current expenses. We had to pay the faculty and we had to pay Dr. W. S. Webb, our ex-President, $600.00 and the insurance policies on the buildings and furnishings had to be renewed. Under these circumstances the President of the College went before the Convention Board for advice. The Board acted on the motion of Dr. R. A. Venable and published an appeal to the pastors and churches asking them to rally to the college with collections and contributions The result has been very gratifying. The sum of $3,234.50 has been paid in and about $100.00 has been pledged and so we are glad we can report "no deficit." The Professors and people at Clinton say that the behavior of the students during the last session was unusually good and that the session closed with unusual enthusiasm on the part of the students. Brethren, a college that can successfully pass such a crisis as ours has passed, ought to command our hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WINTER, }
J. M. PRITCHARD, } Com.

Discussed by Frank Souter, R. A. Cooper, H. L. Finley, J. W. Boatwright, C. W. Smith and J. L. Byers. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of J. W. Boatwright, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments. Dismissed by W. P. Winter.

THIRD DAY.—Evening Session.

The Association was called to order by song. Prayer by H. L. Finley.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

The report on Woman's Work was read by J. W. Boatwright.

Your Committee on Woman's Work report as follows:

The women of our state contributed the sum of $6,556.85 reported. This sum is not all they have done for the cause of Christ. There are only three societies in our Association, but in every church they are doing what they can for their God. Many of our women believe that the church is enough for them to work in. We thank God for God-fearing and God-loving women that are working and sacrificing so much for our God. May God bless and direct the women is our prayer. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT.

Discussed by J. W. Boatwright and W. L. Souter. On motion of J. J. Gibson the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

The report on State of Religion was read by M. I. Quick.

We are glad to report that there has been an increase in baptisms in our churches over last year. There were only 79 baptisms reported last year and there are reported 136 this year. There has been more interest in Sunday Schools and Missions also. Brethren let us do more this year than ever before. Respectfully submitted,

M. I. QUICK.

Discussed by H. L. Finley, W. L. Souter, J. J. Gibson, W. M. Gadd and C. W. Smith. On motion the report was adopted.

Report on Documents and Publications.

The report on Documents and Publications was read by J. H. Morgan.

Your Committee on Documents and Publications respectfully submit the following:

We recommend that the Bible be earnestly and prayerfully read in our families for our own edification as well as to enable us to give a reason to every man for the hope that is in us. We especially recommend that our members subscribe for the Baptist, our State organ. We would further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Series as good literature to be taken and read in our homes. By so doing we would become more enlightened in the Foreign Mission work and in the Sunday School work. We also recommend the Home Field and the Orphanage Gem. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MORGAN.

Discussed by W. L. Souter. On motion the report was adopted.

Report on Finances.

The report on Finance was read by J. W. Boatwright.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows for printing minutes:

Toccopola	$ 50	Mt. Pleasant	$1 50
Turnpike	30	Pleasant Dale	1 10
Oak Grove	1 15	Macedonia	1 00
Mt. Pisgah	1 45	Friendship	60
Abbeville	70	Shady Grove	50
Amaziah	1 40	Cherry Creek	3 50
Bay Spring	30	Union	1 00
Pleasant Hill	1 20	Philadelphia	1 00
Midway	50	Myrtle	1 00
Bethel L. C.	75	Salem	70
Bethel U. C.	65	Shilo	1 90
Liberty	85	New Albany	1 50
Duncan Creek	1 00	Temperance Hill	50
Cypress Creek	60	Piney Grove	90
New Hope	75	Fredonia	75
Spring Hill	1 10	Tula	65

Total amount for this purpose, $31.30. The Clerk is instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes and he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BOATWRIGHT,
CHAS. STEWART,
J. E. COLTHARP, } Com.

On motion of W. L. Souter, the report was adopted.

The following poem was written by Eld. W. W. Finley, and sent to this Association by his daughter, with the request that prayer be offered for his lonely widow and only child:

To the Aged and Afflicted Christian.

My days on earth are almost run,
I soon shall reach my setting sun ;
The sun no more will rise for me,
The changing moon no more I'll see.

The clouds that gather o'er the earth,
And dews that fall in silent night;
Will not affect my mind and heart,
For they will then be out of sight.

My spirit then will tire no more,
My flesh with all its wants be o'er;
My soul will mount and soar away,
To wait the resurrection day.

When darkness, death, earthquake and storms,
Once gathered round our Savior's form;
He conquered all and rose again,
That all His Saints with Him might reign.

Cheer up old Saints, fresh courage take,
The Lighthouse glimmers from afar ;
Our Captain says it won't be long,
Before our ship will anchor there.

See! See! a mighty host awaits,
To greet us when the port we reach ;
Among them stands our Blessed Lord,
And in his hand our great reward.

At Home! At Home we enter in,
And find there are no marks of sin;
But all are young, and fresh and gay,
And this remains through endless day.

Who in this ransomed throng,
Can I recognize as having known ;
And who will there remember me,
As once on earth we used to be ?

One radiant form appears in view,
It is a form I surely know;
With outstretched arms and sparkling eyes,
"My son! my son!" she loudly cries.

Then in my mother's arms I fall,
It is enough, I've found them all;
That out of tribulations come,
To be at home with Christ, the Lamb.

From time to time they gather round,
To greet me in my glorious home ;
To tell the wonders of His grace,
Who brougt me to this Heavenly place.

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1898.		Funds received.	
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1899.			
Feb.	20	Cherry Creek church, for missions	39 00
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"	6	" " " " Home Missions	2 50
"	24	Sunbeam Society, Cherry Cr'k ch., Missions	1 40
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"	19	Liberty church for Missions	10 00
"	22	Shilo " " "	5 00
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"	28	Friendship " " "	5 15
June.	27	L. M. Society, Cherry Cr'k. ch., State Miss.	4 28
Aug.	17	Cherry Creek church, State Missions	10 06
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May	30	New Albany church, State Missions	26 15
"	30	" " " For. "	33 00
"	30	" " " Home "	17 00
"	30	" " " Mississippi College	10 00
——	—	Bethel L. C. church, For. Missions	6 00
——	—	Union church, For. Missions	5 00
Sept.	12	Pleasant Hill church, Missions	7 00
"	12	Fredonia " "	3 80
"	12	Cypress Creek " "	10 00
"	12	Mt. Pleasant " State Missions	7 05
"	12	" " " Home Missions	7 05
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"	13	"	" " " " - - - - - - - -	61 55
"	14	"	postage used to date - - - - -	20
"	14	"	Association funds on hand to balance	2 77
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W. J. BALL, B. J. CALDWELL.
W. M. GADD, Ch'm. of Com.

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W. L. SOUTER, Pres.

V. B. TUCKER, Clerk.

On motion the Clerk of the Association was instructed to have the covers for the minutes furnished by the A. B. Pub. Society provided we can have 500 copies printed. The minutes of the last day's session were left in the Clerk's hands for correction.

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The following committee was appointed to co-operate with the State Committee on the Work of the 20th Century: W. R. Spencer, J. B. Gaulding and L. A. Souter.

On motion the Association was adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1900.

C. W. SMITH, Moderator.

V. B. TUCKER, Clerk.

Sunday Schools and Financial Statements. Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Missions.	Church Expenses.	Value of Church Property.	When Organized.	Supt. of Sunday School.	Postoffice of Supt.	Literature used	No. of Pupils.	No. of Officers and Teachers.
Amaziah.	$ 29 75	$ 2 10		$						
Bay Springs.	50 00					M. I. Quick	Oxford	S. B. Con. Lit.	20	5
Bethel, (L. C.)	60 00	11 40			1841					
Bethel, (U. C.)	50 00		$ 6 50	250 00	1848					
Duncan Creek.			3 00	400 00	1872	W. A. Mayo	Thaxton	S. B. Con. Lit.	78	9
Cypress Creek.	50 00	10 00	3 15	500 00	1840					
Cherry Creek.	152 00	88 77	53 73	1,800 00	1843	V. B. Tucker	Ecru	S. B. Con. Lit.	120	8
Friendship.	35 00	5 15		400 00	1848	J. D. Howell	Ecru	S. B. Con. Lit.	51	3
Fredonia.		3 55	4 00			S. J. Holmes	Ingomar	S. B. Con. Lit.	35	3
Liberty.	51 00	10 00	5 25		1841	S. J. Fitzgerald	Wallerville	S. B. Con. Lit.	76	9
Mt. Pleasant.	122 70	45 25	14 90	500 00	1854	J. B. Gaulding	Wallerville	S. B. Con. Lit.	60	7
Mt. Pisgah.	24 00			300 00	1858					
Midway.	25 00	3 40	10 00	400 00	1868					
Macedonia.	36 00	5 00		500 00	1885					
Myrtle.	100 00	26 10	23 00	1,000 00	1887	J. E. Coltharp	Myrtle	A. M. B. P. So	35	6
New Albany.	400 00	63 15	32 85	4,000 00	1844	S. R. Knox	New Albany	A. M. B. P. So	100	7
New Prospect.					1885					
Oak Grove.	100 00	7 95		500 00	1878					
Pleasant Dale.	40 00									
Pleasant Hill.	100 00	7 00		600 00	1860	J. W. Oakes	New Albany	S. B. Con. Lit.	85	6
Piney Grove.	27 05		6 65	300 00	1853					
Philadelphia.	100 00	7 30	4 95	600 00	1840	G. F. Bonds	Walton			
Shilo.	50 00	7 50		500 00	1852					
Spring Hill.	60 00		2 00	250 00		O. B. Souter	Mud Creek	S. B. Con. Lit.	30	5
Spring Creek.				500 00	1848					
Shady Grove.	35 00	5 00								
Tula.	78 00	18 00	7 00			D. Coffman	Tula	Bible	50	3
Toccopola.	100 00	38 80		650 00		W. C. Barbee	Toccopola	S. B. Con. Lit.	30	5
Temperance Hill.	36 00			400 00	1880					
Turnpike.				400 00	1887					
Union.		8 00								
Totals - - - - -	$1,911 50	$378 42	$177 00	$14,750 00						

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Membership. Total	Days of Meeting.	Seating Capacity.
Amaziah	J. P. Rogers	Cornersville	E. A. Baker	Cornersville				1	2	2	106	2nd	
Abbeville			R. S. McGowan	Abbeville									
Bay Springs	T. H. Winters	Oxford	R. D. Roberts	Holder	7	2		20			75	3rd	
Bethel (L. C.)	J. S. Hubbard	Tula	A. N. Singleton	Denmark	4	7	2	7	12	2	92	2nd	400
Duncan Creek	W. A. Mayo	Thaxton	F. R. Bolen	Thaxton	14	7		9			105	4th	300
Bethel (U. C.)	A. J. Jones	Gallway	W. G. Hearn	Busby	9					2	119	2nd	400
Cypress Creek	J. S. Hubbard	Tula	T. W. Avent	Caswell	1					1	33	4th	300
Cherry Creek	L. R. Burress	Geeville	D. E. Pitts	Cherry Creek	2	8		3		3	163	1st	500
Friendship	J. H. Jenkins	Tupelo	W. A. Gooch	Ecru					1	1	104	4th	400
Fredonia	J. A. Landers	Blue Springs	Neely Huskinson	Ingomar		1		1	1	2	110	4th	
Liberty	J. A. Landers	Blue Springs	W. M. Mounce	Wallerville	4	1		3		1	89	2nd	
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. J. Beasley	Poplar Springs	C. S. Cullens	Wallerville	4	2		4	3	3	163	1st	400
Mt. Pisgah	A. J. Jones	Gallway	R. F. Maxey	Gallway				2	1	2	60	3rd	250
Midway	T. H. Winters	Oxford	A. H. Gilbert	Holder	2	5		3			54	1st	
Macedonia	I. M. Gray	Darden	E. S. Gray	Darden						1	116	2nd	300
Myrtle	J. D. Anderson	Blue Mountain	A. R. Collins	Myrtle	1	4					36	1st	400
New Albany	J. D. Anderson	Blue Mountain	S. D. Owen	New Albany	1	5		3			154	2, 4	350
New Prospect	W. J. Ball	Wallerville	J. H. Berry	Esperanza	3				1		42	3rd	500
New Hope	F. M. Ferrel	Mud Creek	W. H. Seale	Brame			1				59	2nd	
Oak Grove	C. W. Smith	Darden	J. F. Hale	Avanelle				4	1	2	100	3rd	400
Pleasant Dale	A. J. Jones	Gallway	R. F. Duncan	Liberty Hill	3						76	1st	
Pleasant Hill	C. W. Smith	Darden	J. W. Oaks	New Albany	13	3		1	3		110	4th	400
Piney Grove	E. M. Forshee	Randolph	W. S. McGregor	Randolph	5			4	2		81	1st	350
Philadelphia	C. W. Smith	Darden	H. F. Baker	Walton	7	1		3	1	1	75	1st	500
Shilo	I. M. Gray	Darden	J. M. Kelley	Denmark	24	12	5	7	1	1	119	1st	400
Spring Hill	F. M. Ferrell	Mud Creek	O. B. Souter	Mud Creek	2	7		3	3		142	3rd	300
Spring Creek	I. M. Gray	Darden	E. A. Wagner	Waterford				1	8	2	116	4th	500
Salem	J. P. Rogers	Bethlehem	J. J. Hewett	Bethlehem	1				1		70		
Shady Grove	A. J. Jones	Gallway	J. P. Sappington	Ecru	5						94		
Tula	W. I. Hargis	Oxford	W. B. Coleman	Tula			2	12	1	1	90	3rd	
Toccopola	W. I. Hargis	Oxford	Wm. Hodges	Toccopola	1	2	1	1		2	77	4th	500
Temperance Hill	J. D. Morton	Tippah	J. W. Boatwright	Watts						1	42	3rd	300
Turnpike	J. C. Nelson	Toccopola	W. E. Clay	Mud Creek		1		1			102	2nd	500
Union	J. S. Hubbard	Tula	J. N. Webb	Dallas							61		
Valley	I. M. Gray	Darden	W. D. Tate	New Albany				4		1	35		
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